of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi with Canara Bank. Weighing all relevant factors, it has been decided to merge the Bank with Canara bank.

Payments of debts to NTC by NCCF

2460. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF (National Consumers Cooperative Federation) and its various constituents have not been properly paying back its debts to the National Textile Corporation Limited and its various subsidiaries against the supply bills;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount of outstanding dues payable by the National Consumers Cooperative Federation to National Textile Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries alongwith the details of money payable by other constituents of the National Consumers Cooperative Federation; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken by Government to settle the matter between the two organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The total outstanding dues payable by NCCF to NTC Subsidiaries against the supply of controlled cloth as on 15-7-1985, as per the account books maintained by NTC are given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1. Basic ex-mill price (above 30 days) . .	602.45
2. Subsidy amount (withheld for period prior to 16-7-83) .	348.05
3. Interest and other amount .	116.85
TOTAL	1067.35

(d) Instructions have been issued for settling these dues immediately. Currently the reconsiliation of accounts where necessary is being carried out by the two organisations.

Mass recruitment in NTC (WBABO)

2461. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has since been made regarding the inquiry into the question of mass recruitment by the present Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta during the period from July 1984 to November, 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Managing director and Director (Personnel) have been involved in the matter; and

(c) if so, what action is being proposed to be taken by Government to change the Board of Directors immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The trainees have since been 'disengaged' and two officers have been placed under suspension. Enquiry and investigation is proceeding.

Proposal for partial closure of HSCO, Burnpur

2462. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close partially HSCO, Burnpur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) the extent to which it will affect the labour force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) HSCO has been incurring heavy losses in the